## RICHMOND HOUSE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

# **Discretionary Managed Portfolio Service Strategic Model**

### December 2022

## **Key information**

#### Model details

Launch date	1 October 2011
Minimum initial investment	£1,000
Rebalancing strategy (minimum)	Quarterly
Currency	£ GBP
Annual management charge	0.50%*
Ongoing charges figure ('OCF')	0.53%
Annual yield (current)	2.13%

\*Not including platform fees Source: FE Analytics as at 31.12.22

### **Investment update - December**

Equity markets retreated in December in relatively thin trading. Interest rates rose by a further 0.5% in the US and UK. Inflation is receding slightly in most key regions as energy prices fall and supply chains ease. Global manufacturing backlogs are falling quite rapidly and delivery times are improving. Indeed, in the US, the Richmond Manufacturing Index (a key measure of manufacturing activity) indicated the first expansion since April. This is encouraging, albeit not yet sufficient to change the tightening stance of key developed market central banks who may also be looking for evidence of weaker labour markets before changing policy. In the UK, reported pay increases in the private sector and the expanding list of public sector workers taking industrial action is adding to concerns that wage increases could extend the period of heightened inflation. We have started to increase risk in fixed interest markets, adding targeted exposure to higher quality corporate credit through the addition of the Schroder Strategic Credit fund as we believe that yields have become attractive while default risk remains low. Shorter-duration positioning has largely done its job and opportunities are appearing across the full spectrum of bond markets. To accommodate this change, equity market exposure has been slightly trimmed as the strategy remains towards the upper end of its corresponding Dynamic Planner risk profile. Elsewhere in the strategy, our allocation to highly liquid alternative investment funds, that exhibit low levels of volatility, continue to act as an effective risk management tool.

#### **Discretionary Managed Portfolio Service**

The service consists of six actively managed investment models, offering lower cost access to our discretionary fund management capabilities, through the combination of active and passive collective investments. The service provides a solution that, when cost considerations are paramount, does not compromise on guality. Investment models are monitored by our central Investment Committee to ensure consistency of performance from one portfolio to another.

#### Investment objective

To preserve capital in real (inflation-adjusted) terms over the medium to longer term. Investors should expect low levels of reward and a low correlation to stock market behaviour, including modest fluctuations in values.

#### **Risk profile**

The model is managed in accordance with Dynamic Planner risk profile 3 (Low), with the model's expected volatility targeted to stay within the assigned Dynamic Planner risk profile's boundaries.

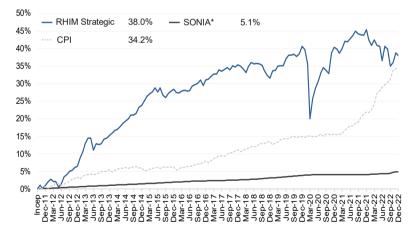
#### **Discrete performance**

	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
RHIM Strategic	-5.1%	3.5%	-0.1%	6.9%	-2.9%	3.3%
SONIA*	0.9%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%
CPI	10.1%	5.4%	0.7%	1.3%	2.1%	2.9%

#### Cumulative performance

	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
RHIM Strategic	-5.1%	-1.9%	1.9%	29.6%

#### Inception performance



#### Annualised performance since inception

RHIM Strategic	2.9%
SONIA*	0.5%
CPI	2.7%

\*Sterling Overnight Index Average

Inception

Source: FE Analytics and Morningstar as 31.12.22. Inception from 01.10.11. RHIM performance is net of fund charges, but does not include RHIM discretionary management fees,

nor fees that may be incurred through your financial adviser. Past performance is not a guide to future results. See full risk warning overleaf.



### **About Richmond House**

We launched our discretionary management service in 2006, and have navigated the portfolios through good times and bad. We're proud to say that we've protected our clients' capital and today we have around £200 million of funds under management.

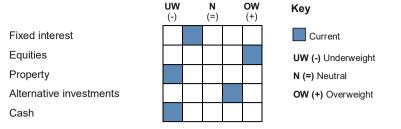
We focus on both actively managed funds and lower cost passive funds where appropriate, taking a sensible approach and always maintaining our awareness of downside risks. Adopting a global view, we continually identify where the risks and opportunities lie.

We offer a range of model portfolios, and the discretionary powers of our specialist team allow us to make alterations to these quickly and efficiently. Each portfolio typically holds between 25 and 30 funds selected from the whole of the market, ensuring diversification across asset classes, countries and sectors.

We conduct our own fund research using specialist tools such as Morningstar, but we also take the opportunity to meet fund managers regularly face-toface to ensure each fund continues to meet its objectives and remains appropriate to our clients' needs.

#### Headline asset allocation and positioning

Summary of current Investment Committee positioning



- The strategies remain at the upper end of their corresponding Dynamic Planner risk profiles with good exposure to those parts of the world less likely to be exposed to the economic fall-out from war in Ukraine.
- We have reduced or removed entirely our exposure to Europe and increased our allocation to Asia-Pacific ex Japan, where fundamentals and valuations look fairly attractive, and policy is more supportive for risk assets.
- In our lower risk strategies, we continue to allocate to inflation-linked bond funds, actively managed strategic bond funds and 'market neutral' alternative investments, which continue to act as good portfolio stabilisers, diversifiers of risk and sources of return.
- Cash exposure remains low and there continues to be focus on high levels of liquidity in everything that we own.

#### Sector % 4 Cash International fixed interest 13 Strategic bonds 24 Alternatives 36 UK equity growth 3 US equity 8 Asia-Pacific ex Japan equity 4 Thematic and global equity 8

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Active/Passive split	%		
Active funds	74	50	
Passive funds	26	50	
Top 10 holdings			
Holding	%	Holding	%
BlackRock Absolute Return Bond	9	TM Tellworth UK Select	7
Vanguard Global Bond Index	9	HSBC American Index	6
Artemis Target Return Bond	8	Janus Henderson Absolute Return	6
Fidelity Strategic Bond	8	TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	6
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7	BNY Mellon Global Dynamic Bond	5
		As at 3	1.12.22

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#### Model asset allocation

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